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# H. R. 2387

To amend title 49, United States Code, to preserve nonstop air service to and from Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport for certain communities in cases of airline bankruptcy.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 28, 2001

Ms. HARMAN (for herself, Mr. LEWIS of California, Mr. SHERMAN, Mr. GARY G. MILLER of California, Mr. GEPHARDT, Ms. ESHOO, Mr. ROHR-ABACHER, Ms. PELOSI, Mr. DREIER, Ms. WATERS, Mr. CUNNINGHAM, Ms. SOLIS, Mr. GRAVES, Mr. FILNER, Mr. THOMPSON of California, Mrs. CAPPS, Mr. CONDIT, and Ms. LOFGREN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

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## A BILL

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1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3       **SECTION 1. BEYOND-PERIMETER SLOTS AT RONALD**  
4               **REAGAN WASHINGTON NATIONAL AIRPORT.**

5       Section 41718 of title 49, United States Code, is  
6       amended by adding at the end the following:

1       “(f) PRESERVATION OF DOT AWARDED AIR ROUTES  
2 TO AND FROM RONALD REAGAN WASHINGTON NATIONAL  
3 AIRPORT IN CASES OF AIRLINE BANKRUPTCY.—

4           “(1) IN GENERAL.—If a community has lost or  
5 will otherwise lose nonstop air service to and from  
6 Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport be-  
7 cause an air carrier that was awarded a beyond-pe-  
8 rimeter slot exemption by the Secretary under sub-  
9 section (a)—

10               “(A) has filed for bankruptcy;

11               “(B) had its assets acquired by another air  
12 carrier; and

13               “(C) has returned the slot exemption to  
14 the Secretary,

15 the acquiring air carrier may use no more than 2 of  
16 the slots that the carrier held at the time of acquir-  
17 ing the assets (if the slot is from a large hub air-  
18 port) at Ronald Reagan Washington National Air-  
19 port between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 9:59 p.m.  
20 to provide nonstop air service to and from that com-  
21 munity.

22           “(2) EXCEPTION.—Paragraph (1) shall not  
23 apply if the Secretary awards the returned slot ex-  
24 emption in a fashion that preserves the nonstop air

- 1 service to and from Ronald Reagan Washington Na-
- 2 tional Airport for the community.”.

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